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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Pringle and Authority Members **Date:** November 30, 2009

From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item 4 – Memorandum of Understanding with Chinese Ministry of Railways

Discussion:

Attached for your review is a draft of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the Chinese Ministry of Railways.

This agreement is similar to the agreements with France, Spain, Germany, Italy and Japan. It is intended to encourage exchange of information and it is very helpful since they have a great deal of experience with high speed trains.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chairman to execute the memorandum of understanding with the Chinese Ministry of Railways.